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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Dr. Klaus KEITE-TELGENBÜSCHER, ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
FILED : HERewith  
FOR : METHOD OF AT LEAST PARTLY COATING BACKING  
MATERIALS  
ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED  
EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 - 12 as follows:

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the die body is temperature-controlled using a heat transfer fluid or cooling fluid, electrical heaters, Peltier elements, radiation or convection.

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